

Quarterly analysis of standards themes arising

Themes between January and March 2020

Theme	Issues arising	Actions by IPSO in response
Children's welfare	<p>Publication of private medical information about a child without the custodial parent's consent.</p> <p>Publication of photographs of children relating to their welfare without the consent of their parent.</p>	IPSO has published information for the public on this topic.
Accuracy	Failure to take care by publications to publish information accurately in three separate reports about individuals who had died.	IPSO has published guidance for journalists on reporting deaths and inquests and also suicide. Complaints of this nature will continue to be monitored and extra training provided to publications if required.
Reporting on the Coronavirus pandemic	Third party complaints about the accuracy of articles about the pandemic, and concerns about the privacy of people featured in reports.	Complaints about the Coronavirus pandemic are being actively monitored.
Intrusion into grief	Publication of pictures and information which potentially intruded into individuals' grief or shock in the aftermath of deaths.	IPSO has published guidance for journalists on reporting deaths and inquests. Reporting of deaths is also incorporated into broader training for newsrooms on the Editors' Code of Practice.
Reporting of statistics	Complaints involving the presentation of statistics in reports which were disputed by complainants. Three complaints were upheld.	Complaints of this nature will continue to be monitored.